

Une Affaire Criminelle

ARTE France Acquires UNE AFFAIRE CRIMINELLE !

The Agreement Covers Both Seasons for Broadcast in French- and German-Speaking Europe!

Montreal, December 14, 2023 – **Encore Television-Distribution** and **Sovimage** production house are very proud to announce the acquisition of both seasons of the series *Une affaire criminelle* (A Criminal Affair) by **ARTE**, an important European channel. Thus, the 16 episodes of 43 minutes each will be broadcast from next Spring throughout France as well as in Germany, Austria, Belgium, Lichtenstein, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

“We are delighted to share this Quebec-style 'cold case,' both compelling and gripping, with our audience, showcasing the creativity of the local production while contributing to the spread of the French language in Europe,” states **Virginie Padilla**, Head of Programming and Acquisition Manager at **ARTE France**.

“Our Quebec culture is overflowing with exceptional creators, whose talent deserves to be celebrated both in Quebec and internationally. Seeing this original series exported and viewed abroad is a source of great pride for Sovimage”, adds **Sophie Deschênes**, President and Producer at **Sovimage**.

“That this captivating series is part of ARTE’s selection marks a significant moment! In addition to France, which is a most important market for us, this agreement also allows us to make a real foray into Germany and German-speaking territories”, says **Christine Girard**, Head of International distribution at **Encore Television-Distribution**.

Une affaire criminelle (A Criminal Affair) is an anthology series comprising two seasons of 8 episodes each (2021 and 2023); the first season received 5 nominations at the 37th edition of the Gémeaux Awards, including Best Drama Series.

Broadcast on **Crave**, both in its original version as well as with English subtitles, and on **Noovo** (Bell Media), *Une affaire criminelle* (A Criminal Affair) is written by **Joanne Arseneau**, directed by **Stéphane Lapointe** (Season 1) and **Pascal L'Heureux** (Season 2). The first season stars **Céline Bonnier**, **Louis-Philippe Dandenault**, and **Maxime-Olivier Potvin**, while the second season features **Alice Moreault**, **Julie Le Breton**, and **Pierre-Yves Cardinal**.

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